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Alumni Relations – Steve Wood '13

Alumni Weekend Fall 2010 is right around the corner!! We had an outstanding turnout last year and we hope to have the same this year! Check out the calendar of events at the end of this page. On other news, I have one major goal this year and that is to increase connections between the alumni and the actives. We would love to have alumni attending some of the rush events to allow for the Rushees to get a different point of view. If you have any interests/ questions contact JP Hennessey (hennej3@gmail.com). We would also like to have alumni come back to the house and speak with the chapter, giving a small presentation/lecture on a topic of your choice. Some examples can be career development, finance, going green, leadership, interview practice, etc. If you may be interested, please contact myself for setting up a time and date. As usual, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about alumni relations or the alumni weekend, feel free to contact me at woodsie.steve@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing a large crowd at our Fall Alumni Weekend!

Eminent Archon – Matt Heimerdinger '11

With more brothers living in the house than out of the house this semester, it is a great opportunity for us to focus on strengthening our brotherly bonds. To get the semester started off right there are brother events planned for every night after work day and it looks to be one of the most fun work weeks yet. The garage renovation has finally been completed and because so many guys are living in the house, the study room has been converted into a bedroom to make room for everyone. For our yearly EC retreat we headed to Lake George to float down a lazy river while planning out our semester and setting goals. Our main goal is to focus on the SAE experience as a brother but as always we want to recruit a large pledge class of True Gentlemen and improve all of our great events. I hope to see you all at our fall alumni weekend!

Eminent Deputy Archon – Kevin Fort '11

I am looking forward to a fun, productive semester for NYEP. The officers have worked hard over the summer and we are primed to have a really successful semester. We are placing a major emphasis on making sure that officers and brothers feel like they are getting value from being involved in the house. We want to make it so that being an EC officer is a desired position because it is both a fun and positive experience. This year will also be a major transition year in house leadership with another large senior class graduating so we will continue to focus on training our younger members and helping them to develop as leaders in the house. Last year we started a program where every new member works with an EC member of their choice for their first year in the house. We have already started to see the positive benefits of this program on both the EC officers and the new members and will be looking to continue and expand this program in the future.

Rush Chairman– JP Hennessey '12

Fall Rush is upon us once again! We are looking forward to a fun, successful rush to kick off the school year which will inevitably lead to a great pledge class and a great semester! Over the last school year we graduated almost 30 brothers from NYEP. We hope to gain a pledge class of at least 25 to maintain the chapter size. The plan for Rush is to continue to utilize our large successful events such as Luau to attract a large pool of Rushees while using one on one interactions to narrow down the pool to those young men who exemplify the qualities of a True Gentleman and will make a great addition to the brotherhood. I look forward to reporting on a successful Rush in the coming months!

Community Relations – Derek Cheng '11

Over the summer, the CRC committee has begun to plan for the upcoming semester's events. On September 19th 2010, we will be hosting our Farkouh Field Day honoring Don Farkouh. This year we are trying to work with the local Boys and Girls Club, schools, churches, sororities as well as the police department to make this event as successful as possible. In addition to Farkouh Field Day, we are also having our Community Enrichment Dinner on September 21st 2010. This event will be hosted for neighbors, school administrators, and local officials to express our gratitude for all the support they have offered and will offer to our fraternity. It has been an exciting summer to begin working with my committee to plan these activities. We are hoping to increase collaboration between Greek houses and increase the number of philanthropic activities we will do this year.

House Manager – John O'Neil '12

This past workweek was focused on improving the look and functionality of the outside. We landscaped the area by the sidewalk that was previously overgrown, installing a 6 foot fence, laying down grass seed and planting bushes along the street side of the fence. The flower bed that wraps around the house received new red mulch which really complemented the color of the brickwork on the main structure. The hill above the volleyball court, which has long been the dumping ground for trimmed brush, was cleared out and a wood chipper rented to dispose of the excess branches. With the garage work completed by the contractor, brothers currently living in those rooms helped paint and install closet organizers, among other things, to finish the project. Overall I was very impressed by the work put in by the brothers this workweek. My plan for the semester is to maintain a very clean house, not only for the duration of rush, but for the entire semester. Having a clean house reflects greatly on who we are as a brotherhood and boosts morale. Special thanks go out to Matt Jeffers '95 and his parents, whose information was indispensable when completing the landscaping around the house.



Redoing the sidewalk to complete the restoration of the Garage

Calendar of Upcoming NYEP Chapter Events

September 19 – Farkouh Field Day
September 21 - Community Enrichment Dinner
October 15-17 – Fall 2010 NYEP Alumni Weekend
December 8 – NYEP Chartering Anniversary
December 22-January 23 – Winter Break
Big Red Freakout Hockey - Jan. 29 (reserve your tickets now)
Check full calendar at: <http://www.nyepsilon.com/house.html>

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Lambda Alpha Epsilon News

Lambda Alpha Epsilon exists to provide and protect a beneficial undergraduate experience and meaningful member relationships through dedicated alumni participation and efficient use of alumni resources.

From the LAE Chairman: "Jerry" Witter '82

Well we survived a busy 8 months of 2010 dealing with the garage renovation, phonathon, and changes in RPI Greek Life to the new CLASS Greek Life Commons. We will get back on track to more normal operations with the start of the new school year. Alumni Weekend will be October 15-17, 2010 and we will have a dedication ceremony for the garage during the afternoon reception. This fall will kick off our 60th anniversary as NYEP and 50th of being at 12 Myrtle Avenue, which we will celebrate in Oct 2011 at the Albany Crown Plaza. We'll be looking for ideas and help from your classes. The first way is to get involved as an alumnus board member. We'll have two 4 year positions up this year and we are looking a good mix of young and "old" alumni. OR if you are interested in helping with some projects for chapter speakers, database and communications, alumni work days, or Minerva's Club, please contact me at jonathan.witter@gmail.com. We have four major areas of interactions with undergraduate: finances, house management, alumni relations, and chapter excellence. The current LAE board is:

- Chairman - Jonathan "Jerry" Witter 1982 (term up 2013)
- Vice Chairman - Matt Jeffers 1996 (term up 2012)
- Secretary - Kurt Spiegel 2004 (term up 2011)
- Treasurer - Mark Murdoch 1984
- Nick Mandelenakis 2001 (term up 2010)
- Jared Ray 2004 (term up 2010)
- John Bogdan 1986 (term up 2011)
- Maura Spiegel 2004 (term up 2012)
- Frank "Chip" Wood 2001 (term up 2013)
- Chapter Advisor - John Thomas 2002
- Eminent Archon - Matt Heimerdinger 2011
- Eminent Treasurer - Jon Riel 2011
- Alumni Relations - Steve Wood 2013
- House Manager - John O'Neil 2011
- Lion Fund Manager - Dave Raphael 1999

Our Lion Fund for long term savings reached a milestone of \$100k this year and is being managed by Dave Raphael '99 with help from Chuck Roth '98 and Matt Dodson '99. The endowed scholarship funds have a base of \$100k and we will award \$4000 in scholarships at the fall alumni weekend. Our annual budget is income of \$58k in rent and \$20k donations and expenses of \$20k for building maintenance, \$19k in taxes, \$9k for insurance, \$4k scholarships, \$6k Lion Fund savings, and \$4 for office and misc programs.

LAE Retreat – 9th Annual in Wronskyville

LAE held its 9th annual LAE/EC retreat in York, ME July 22-24 at Mark "Wronsky" Wilensky's (1995) summer house. It was one of the larger turnouts of both alumni and undergraduates. We focused on getting LAE out of garage crisis mode and back to operations to support alumni relations, house maintenance, and undergraduate officer mentorship. One major overarching goal was to get our arms around the various communication vehicles that we have (newsletter, email, website, facebook, yahoo, google groups, linked-in, etc.) and better utilize them. This is especially important for improving our participation in phonathon (\$\$ is staying even when it should be increasing and the number of alumni donating is down) and in alumni

weekends (recently improving). We'll be reaching out to contact many of you to get your input and also to help us find some "lost" or "misplaced" alumni.



The Undergraduates and Alumni at the LAE/EC Retreat '09

Garage Restoration Project

We got the garage finished in time for Work Week, just barely after a major hiccup with the contractor and the code enforcement folks. Total cost of the project came in at more than \$80,000. About \$60,000 of it was covered by the insurance, but thankfully we had savings from our years of phonathon and rent income from the undergraduates and no mortgage. Many thanks to Matt Jeffers '95 for handling the insurance and remediation efforts and Kurt Spiegel '04 for drafting plans and coordinating contractor bids and Jerry Witter '82 for getting us through the NY State Building Code evaluation for alternative compliance evaluation so we could avoid another \$20k for a fire sprinkler system. The building easily passed safety standards without the need for a sprinkler system. We need a little breather before another major project like this, but it gave us a good practice for when and if we do the main house. At least now the Garage will be done and ready for another 30+ years of operation. We've posted construction progress photos and stories on the chapter website: <http://www.nyepsilon.com/garage.html>



The Garage second floor just before brothers moved in.

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Long Time House Cook/Mom Mrs N" Passes Away



We received the sad news that Mrs. N passed away in August. The local paper carried this obituary. *"Thelma M. Abbott Naylor, age 87, beloved wife of the late Ernest J. Naylor, died on Sunday, August 15, 2010 at the Baptist Home in Rhinebeck surrounded by her loving family. Born in Poestenkill, she was the daughter of the late Homer and Alida Pitcher Abbott. She attended the Weather-wax School-house in Poestenkill. She was employed on the staff of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity at RPI for 25 years as a cook retiring in 1982. Mrs. Naylor was a member of the Third Presbyterian Church in Troy for over 50 years and was a member for many years of the Central Brunswick Grange. ...Contributions to the Third Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, 113 Winter St., Troy, NY 12180 in memory of Mrs. Naylor would be appreciated."*

LAE made a contribution for Sigma Alpha Epsilon for her years of being the cook and "mother away from home" to countless brothers while they transitioned through NYEP and RPI. Her "swear can" in the kitchen, refusal to cook if the pots weren't clean, saving many a steward's with creative cooking and food orders, being a "Blue Blazer," and putting on huge alumni weekend buffet dinners. She was a huge part of the NYEP-SAE history and we were fortunate to have her back for the NYEP 50th anniversary reception in 2001 when she and many alumni were able to relive and share their memories.

AAE Phonathon 2010

We had \$22,000 in pledges from our March calling period. We've collected about \$20,045 as of August 23, 2010. There are still some \$4,500 outstanding pledges from March, so we hope to receive those donations before the October Alumni Weekend. If we didn't reach you, you can send your donation to the new LAE Treasurer Mark Murdoch '84 (24 Gulf Road, Somers, CT 06071). We had great support for the garage restoration project, with many classes and individuals stepping their donation up in order to get their names posted on the garage rededication plaque. The top ten classes are posted in the table below. Dave Raphael '99 was our greatest supporter - so much so we may need to name a new threshold level after him. The Class of 1982 was especially supportive both in donations and in participation rate - once again proving why they are the best class ever! (Jerry Witter '82 may have had something to do with this editorial comment). The donors and honor levels are posted on the chapter website. This fall we will be working to update the contact information and find "lost" brothers and to survey how we might better reach alumni for our annual donation drive.

Class	Total	Class	Participation
1999	\$2,835.00	1982	58.82%
1982	\$2,425.00	1956	33.33%
1995	\$1,311.00	1965	33.33%
1988	\$1,000.00	1978	30.77%
1990	\$800.00	1968	29.41%
1992	\$750.00	1990	29.41%
1968	\$700.00	1972	27.27%
1972	\$675.00	1976	27.27%
1996	\$650.00	1980	26.67%
1971	\$560.00	2007	25.00%

Fall Alumni Weekend

Classes of 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 2000, and 2005 make an effort to come back for your 5 year anniversaries! Last year's fall alumni weekend was a great success mainly due to the self led coordination of two class eras - 1977-79 and 1995-99. This year The classes of 1985 and 1995 are making special efforts to attend: Schtan Dahl, Pooch Wilcox, Gebobble Offerman, Poofer Lepofsky, Dr. Hermie Pacey, Ted "Charlie-in-the-Box" Feyler, and Rusty Haynal are on the list coming back - Could it be a return of Dweeba's?

Friday

- All afternoon - sign-in, house and garage tours
- 6-8 pm - 4th Annual RPI Greek Chowderfest
- 7-10 pm - BYO Social at 12 Myrtle

Saturday

- 9-12 am Golf Outing - if enough interest, so RSVP to ensure tee times - contact Steve Wood '13 (woodsiesteve@gmail.com)
- 12-2:30 pm - BBQ Lunch and Volleyball
- 2:30 pm - LAE House Corporation Stockholders meeting and Board elections
- 4:30 pm - Reception Happy hour (BYOB) with house tours for alumni and families, Minerva's club information session
- 5:30 pm - Announcements, ribbon cutting for the Garage, award LAE scholarships
- 6:00 pm - Sit down dinner at the House - Join actives, new pledges, and fellow alumni
- 8:00 pm - Post dinner hanging out with alumni and guests
- Night time: BYO Beer or Downtown

Sunday

- 11:00 am - Informal Brunch at House

Please RSVP for Alumni Weekend! We need to know numbers so we can order food for Saturday.



The Class of 1985 as pledges - recognize them? Come back to this fall's alumni weekend to see how they look now.

Alumni Weekend Set for 2011 - Oct 14-16, 2001

We are beginning plans for a big celebration for the 50th anniversary of being in 12 Myrtle Avenue and the 60th of NYEP, so mark your calendars for October 2011. We'll be at the Crown Plaza in Albany for meetings and banquet.

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New York Epsilon Social and Career Network Pages

We've established a Facebook and Linked In area for NY Epsilon that we hope to use more this year. We'd also like to get some news, stories, and photos from alumni to add to the website and newsletters. As we will celebrate our 60th anniversary of the chapter and 50th of 12 Myrtle Avenue in Oct, 2011, we'd like to build a great slide show for the banquet. So post them or send them to us!



<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?mostPopular=&qid=1834691>



<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=lf#!/group.php?gid=28482762859>

Alumni News – We need it so send us some!

If you have news you'd like announced, send it to Steve Wood (woods@rpi.edu) or newyorkepsilon@yahoo.com or drop us a snail mail note. Visit the website at www.nyepsilon.com. We'd really like to get some more photographs from you days in the chapter to create a slideshow for the Fall 2011 60th banquet.

The Travelling Ambassador of LAE – John Bogdan '86

"Johnny B" Bogdan (1986) has been setting up NYEP alumni gatherings as he visits different cities for work. Sept 2009 was San Francisco and he met up with a handful at the SF Brewery. March 2010 was the 3rd annual Washington Caps hockey game that brought 10 alumni out. August 2010 was Boston with a big mix of years getting together after work at Lord Hobo's in Cambridge. He has plans to get to Chicago, Houston, and Atlanta in the coming months, so expect an email from him looking for a good gathering place.



March 2010 at Clydes after the 3rd Annual NYEP night at the Washington Caps; Front (L-R): Mark Lepofsky '85, Glenn DeFriest '83, Russ Haynal '85, Back(L-R): Jerry Witter '82, Sam Pascarelli '85, Val Bogdan, Johnny B '86, John Thomas '04
Not pictured (we lost them after the game): Mike Louis '05, Ankit Narechania '06



August 2010 at Lord Hobo's in Cambridge, MA (L to R): Pat Lanctot '98, Johnny B '86, Chris Downey '96, Jamie Hannon '97, Nathan Spillane '03, Dave Ho '80, Dan Fitek '03, Dennis Wassung '94, not pictured (had to go run his meeting as yacht club president) Kevin Neumann '82.

Adam Rivard '09 Bikes and Builds Across the USA

Adam just graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. While at school he also became interested in business and entrepreneurship which led him to start his own web and IT services company as a junior. Outside of school and work Adam spends most of his time training for triathlons or with his family. He got started in triathlons two years ago while living in Boston during an internship. Many people think that triathletes are crazy and most of the time he would have to agree. This "crazy" mindset is what led Adam to pursue a cross country bike trip.

Originally Adam planned to ride across on his own with three friends, but after stumbling upon Bike and Build he could not think of a better way to do it. Throughout college Adam was involved with many different service projects to benefit various groups and he found these experiences to be very rewarding. No matter if it's helping at a local soup kitchen once a week, mentoring middle school students with Lego robotics, or organizing community cleanup projects, there is no better feeling than seeing the smile of someone you have helped. Adam was not involved in the affordable housing cause until he became friends with a middle aged man who was once homeless. After graduating from college with a degree and finance and business he was diagnosed with cancer and couldn't pay the bills. Before long he was out on the street with no roof over his head. At this moment Adam realized that there are people everywhere without a place to stay and we can help them. Adam successfully completed the trek August 26 after 3 months on the road. For more go to www.adamrivard.com.



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Recent Local Alumni Finish Second in Team Triathlon

Local alumni competed in the Lake Delta Triathlon in Utica, NY on August 22. Steve Finkle '03 rekindled his RPI varsity swimming days, Brad Howe '03 took on his bicycling dream, and Jared Ray '04 was left with the run to remind him of his varsity soccer day. They finished second in the team competition to a team who had a current collegiate swimmer and runner from Utica College. Both were faster than JRay and Finkle, but Brad destroyed their biker. Brad said "Finkle and Jared did most of the work. The best part is that Jared was taking a leak when I came in from the bike. The crowd got a kick of Finkle screaming for Jared when I came in. I think we looked like the three stooges." But they still did finish 2nd!



L-to-R: Steve Finkle '03, Brad Howe '03, and Jared Ray '04

Other Ways to Support NYEP while helping ΣAE

Chapter Educational Fund at SAE National for Leadership School delegates – Farkouh-Heir Memorial Fund for New York Epsilon (Fund #350)

We have a Chapter Endowment Fund at National that supports sending undergraduates to National Leadership School. We can use up to 6% each year for scholarships, but it can't drop below \$5000. If you are thinking of donating to National, keep this fund in mind. The John O. Moseley Leadership School is the oldest in the nation and one of the best experiences an undergrad (or alumnus) can have. We have a fund established, but its base level could use some enhancing to better support sending delegates each year. The support is appreciated as evidenced by some delegates who attended this year.

"The Leadership School cruise was honestly one of the best experiences I've had thus far. The idea of surrounding yourself with complete strangers, while still feeling like you've never left the chapter house, was one that was both bizarre and comforting. The guys I met were all high caliber guys that I'd hope to have at NYEP in a heartbeat. After sitting in on so many helpful seminars it will be hard to pick a couple major points to focus on and not try to take on everything at once. I can only imagine that all the others who have attended the LS came back with just as much enthusiasm, and I hope that the seven of us that went this year can provide the chapter with just as much, if not more, great ideas as last year. Thanks again for all the alum's support!" - Phi Alpha, Bud Dickson 2013

"Attending leadership school was easily one of the best experiences of my life. As the newest of all the brothers there, I

wasn't sure what to expect. Upon arriving in Miami I was instantly overcome by feelings of brotherhood, unity and zeal. I don't know if I fully comprehended everything that SAE had to offer until I was able to see it in every light all across America. While attending the seminars and workshops, I took the most from those focused on "being your brothers keeper" and continuing education. But my most memorable experience had to have been when I met a group of guys from Kansas Alpha and we exchanged dirty songs and stories in Cozumel. While Breu and I were waiting for our flight out of Miami, we had to spend 8 hours in the airport. I met up with one of the Kansas Alpha guys who was also in the same predicament. We talked for the entire time, about everything under the sun, favorite TV shows, music and our chapters. I instantly felt that bond, and I came away with a great friend. It was an amazing feeling. That is the feeling I had the entire trip and I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to attend." - Phi Alpha, Loucas Nestoros 2012

And another one:

I absolutely loved leadership school and wish I could go back every summer so that I could hear the seminars that I didn't have a chance to go to. Listening to Ed Fuller and Dave Stollman was definitely a treat and a lot of what they said was easily applicable to our chapter. There are certainly many things we could do a lot better here but it was also good to reinforce that we are doing a lot of things very well. One thing I thought was interesting is that the induction for pledges is a ceremony open to the public. I think if we could get RPI faculty out to witness some of the ritual of SAE that it would help them gain a better understanding of the house and some of more sacred parts of our fraternity. One last thing I would like to do is implement the ACE scholarship program here at our chapter. I'm the current scholarship chair and I want to try to do more than just maintain a back work folder and set up the required parts of my position. I'm very excited for this semester to really get underway and I know there are a lot of guys here that in the same boat as me and really want to see our chapter improve in a significant way. Phi Alpha, Ben Clemence 2013

Minerva's Club for Parents and Alumni Spouses

What is the Minerva's Club? The Minerva's Club is formed for and with the parents and family members of the Brothers who are interested in becoming involved with some aspects of the house –as we like to call it their home away from home. Some of the activities of the Minerva's Club would be to give advice and help plan parent's and alumni weekend activities, provide input and referrals for house maintenance and improvement projects, community service events, and be a peer resource for parents of rushees and pledges.

What could you do to help? Volunteer, Donate, & Send Ideas.

As we try to get Minerva's club off the ground, we are always looking for future event ideas that you would be interested in participating in, so feel free to contact us with your ideas.

Who can you contact? Feel free to email Maura Spiegel (maura@spiegelpd.com or 914-523-8595) to ask any questions about the Minerva's club.



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Address Correction Requested

NYEP Fall Alumni Weekend – October 15-17, 2010



Work Week 2010 cleaned up the landscaping around the house and garage. The Spring Ave side now looks much better with new fence and shrubbery. Undergraduate and alumni officer reports are inside.



Adam Rivard '09 completes Bike and Build trek across country over the summer months. Read the story inside

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